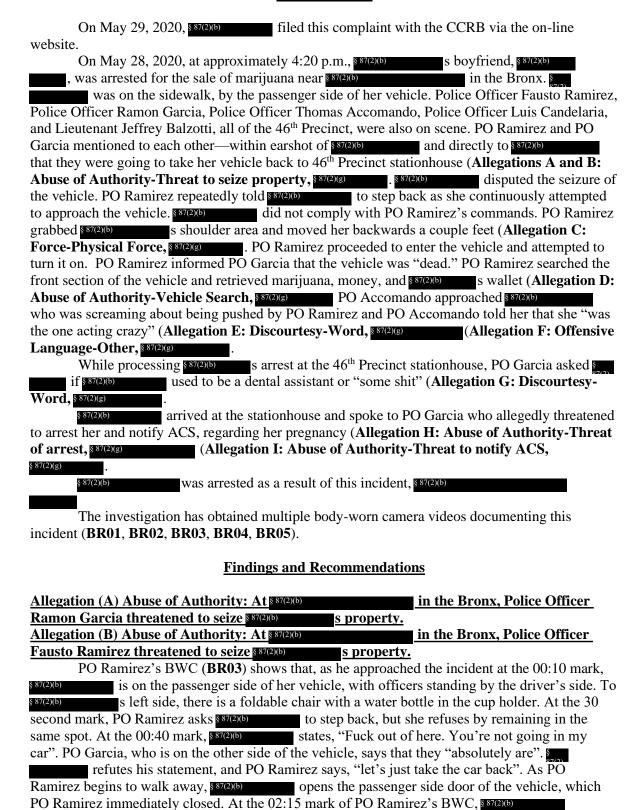
CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator:		Team:	CCRB Case #:	▼ For	rce	<u> </u>	Discourt.		U.S.
Jessica Russo		Squad #11	202003688	− ☑ Ab	use	<u> </u>	O.L.	П	Injury
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Thursday, 05/28/2020 4:20 PM, 05/28/2020 5:00 PM	Thursday,	§ 87(2)(b) Precinct Stationhouse	and the 46th	4	6	11/2	28/2021		5/4/2022
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Fri, 05/29/2020 7:45 PM		CCRB	On-line website	Fri,	, 05/29/2	2020	7:45 PM		
Complainant/Victim	Type	Home Addre	ess						
Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command						
1. POM Ramon Garcia	16636	960576	046 PCT						
2. POM Fausto Ramirez	10218	956787	046 PCT						
3. POM Thomas Accomando	08316	949957	046 PCT						
Witness Officer(s)	Shield N	o Tax No	Cmd Name						
1. POM Luis Candelaria	10516	953720	046 PCT						
2. LT Jeffrey Balzotti	00000	941388	046 PCT						
3. POM Robert Vargas	24771	963309	046 PCT						
Officer(s)	Allegation	on			Inve	stigat	or Recor	nm	endation
A.POM Ramon Garcia	Abuse: A Officer F property	Ramon Garcia threatened	in the Bronx, Polid to seize § 87(2)(b)	s					
B.POM Fausto Ramirez	Abuse: A Officer F property	austo Ramirez threatene	in the Bronx, Poli ed to seize § 87(2)(b)	ice s					
C.POM Fausto Ramirez	Force: A Officer F	t ^{§ 87(2)(b)} Ramirez used physical fo	in the Bronx, Polic orce against § 87(2)(b)	ce					
D.POM Fausto Ramirez	Abuse: A Officer F	at § 87(2)(b) Fausto Ramirez searched	in the Bronx, Poli s veh	ice hicle.					
E.POM Thomas Accomando	discourte	esy: Police Officer Thoreously to \$\frac{8}{87(2)(b)}\$	nas Accomando spo	ke					
F.POM Thomas Accomando	Police O	guage: At ^{§ 87(2)(b)} fficer Thomas Accoman perceived mental health							
G.POM Ramon Garcia		esy: At the 46th Precinc Ramon Garcia spoke disc							
H.POM Ramon Garcia		at the 46th Precinct Stati Garcia threatened to arre		icer					
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Case Summary



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From PO Garcia's point of view, shown in his BWC (**BR01**), at the 23 second mark,

informed the officers that the marijuana was in the center console of her vehicle.

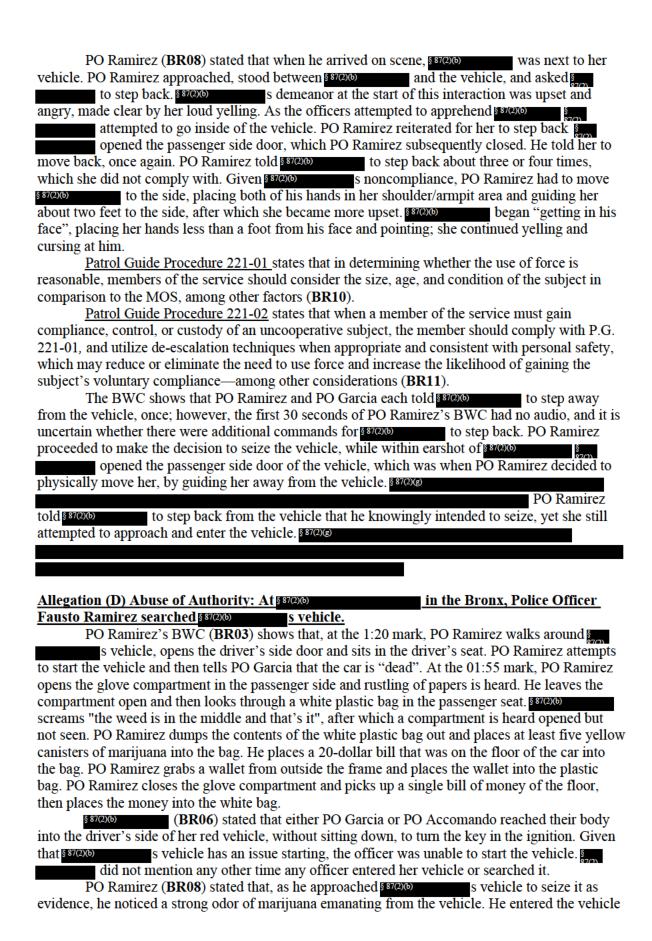
[87(2)6] is sitting on the driver seat of a red vehicle as PO Garcia and PO Vargas's initial approach. PO Garcia opens the driver's side door and strong steps out, after which he is apprehended. At the 00:46 mark, PO Garcia—in response to PO Ramirez suggesting taking the car back—agrees to take the vehicle and adds that they are taking it because \$87(2)(b) wants to "act up". Neither video shows the events prior to \$87(2)(6) s apprehension. testified (BR06) that when the officers approached the scene, §87(2)(b) was by the driver's side of the red vehicle, getting something for \$87(2)(6) The officers placed under arrest for possession of marijuana. stood by her vehicle to prevent officers from searching it. In attempting to block the officers from entering the vehicle, engaged in a back and forth with the officers, where PO Ramirez pushed her. After the back and forth continued, PO Garcia and PO Accomando told her that they were going to take her vehicle to the stationhouse to be spiteful. However, after realizing that the vehicle would not start, the officers left the vehicle at the location. \$87(2)(b) testified that \$87(2)(b) had about 17.5 grams of marijuana on his person, but she did not state whether it was in the vehicle or whether she informed officers that there was contraband in the vehicle. was uncooperative with the investigation given that he did not respond to any of the investigation's contact attempts. PO Garcia testified (BR07) he was a part of an operation pertaining to drug sales near [87(2)] where \$87(2)(b) was seen making a drug transaction with an apprehended individual. The buyer was arrested and given a summons, and, in the process, it was confirmed that he purchased marijuana from \$87(2)(b)

An unknown officer transmitted over the radio that the sale was made and that the drug was positively identified as marijuana. PO Garcia testified that he did not remember how he became aware that there was marijuana in \$87(2)(6) s vehicle whether the observer informed officers that \$87(2)(b) made the transaction from the vehicle or whether \$87(2)(b) placed a stash of marijuana into the vehicle after the fact, but he stated that he knew \$87(2)(b) stored his marijuana in said vehicle. The officers intended to seize the vehicle and voucher the marijuana in it. PO Garcia did not independently recall telling \$87(2)(6) were going to seize the vehicle because she was "acting up". After reviewing his BWC (BR01), PO Garcia did not recall why he made a remark about \$87(2)(6) "acting up" when discussing taking the vehicle, but he stated that such was not included in his original reasoning for seizing the vehicle. The vehicle was intended to be seized due to its involvement in §87(2)(6) s Marijuana sale arrest. PO Ramirez stated (BR08) that PO Accomando—who he believed was on the observation post—went over the radio, stating that an individual had just participated in a drug sale. PO Accomando provided a physical description of the dealer in the drug sale, which matched that of The officers were familiar with \$87(2)(b) from prior arrests. PO Accomando also provided the location of the vehicle from where the transaction took place. A second apprehension team arrested the buyer, where it was confirmed that what he purchased was marijuana. When the officers approached the vehicle from where the sale was made, \$87(2)(b) was in its driver's seat. PO Garcia and PO Vargas arrested \$87(2)(b) PO Ramirez intended to seize the vehicle as arrest evidence, and during his approach, noticed a strong odor of marijuana emanating from the vehicle. When he entered, the vehicle would not start, after which he began collecting the marijuana found within the vehicle. In doing so, \$87(2)(6) screamed that the marijuana was in the middle, after which he retrieved marijuana and money from the center console of the vehicle. Aside from taking the red vehicle in as arrest evidence, there was no other reason why PO Ramirez made the decision to seize the vehicle. PO Accomando stated (BR13) that he was parked between East 182nd and 181st Street and Valentine Avenue, listening to the radio and doing surveillance regarding the arrest of \$37(2)(6) PO Accomando did not remember too many details of the drug operation, but he testified that he

did not observe anything on the corner of East 181st Street and Valentine Avenue prior to the arrest team moving in to apprehend \$87(2)(b) The arrest team, which included PO Garcia and other

officers that PO Accomando did not remember, went to arrest [87(2)6) PO Accomando believed that \$57(2)(6) was being apprehended because he was observed selling marijuana, but he could not specify who made the observation or what specifically they saw. After about five to ten minutes, there was a call for additional units to assist with same samest. PO Accomando exited his vehicle and ran down the street. By the time he arrived, same was already arrested—possibly transported, and her vehicle was in the officers' possession as arrest evidence. PO Accomando did not remember if the officers took the vehicle, or if they just took the marijuana and left the vehicle on scene. s arrest report (BR23) states that he was charged with the criminal sale of marijuana in the fourth degree, and unlawful possession of marijuana in the second degree. The buyer of the marijuana was arrested and released with a criminal court summons. The property vouchers associated with this arrest (BR22) lists nine different containers vouchered form the scene, all containing marijuana or alleged marijuana. Patrol Guide Procedure 208-26 states that vehicles may be seized during the course of an arrest or investigation when the vehicle is used in the unlawful transportation of controlled substances, marijuana, and gambling devices (BR09). PO Garcia and PO Ramirez's testimonies consistently indicate that \$87(2)(6) seller of a drug transaction, where marijuana was positively identified during the apprehension of the buyer. This provided the officers reason to believe that marijuana could be found in either s possession or within the vehicle that \$87000 occupied during the officers' initial approach. As PO Ramirez initiated the search of the vehicle for contraband, \$87(2)(6) the marijuana could be found within the center console of the vehicle. PO Ramirez inspected this area and found several bags of marijuana packaged for the purpose of sale and money. This contraband was vouchered as arrest evidence. § 87(2)(g) Allegation (C) Force: At § 87(2)(6) in the Bronx, Police Officer Ramirez used physical force against \$87(2)(b) PO Ramirez's BWC (BR03) begins with about 30 seconds of video with no audio, where PO Ramirez and exchange words. At the 00:31, the audio comes on and PO Ramirez to step back, after which she steps back slightly. Another officer, who is on the other side of the vehicle—later determined to be PO Garcia—tells \$87(2)(6) to step back and relax. \$37(2)(0) tells \$37(2)(0) to remain on the other side of the car and not instruct her to step back and relax. \$37(2)(0) tells the officers that they are not going into her car, after which PO Ramirez says, "let's just take the car back" and heads toward the driver's side. At the 00:50 opens the passenger side door of the vehicle and PO Ramirez turns around to close the door. PO Ramirez proceeds to tell sages to step back, while he places his left hand on her right shoulder, and his right hand under her left armpit. §\$7(2)(6) "don't fucking touch me. I'm 9-months pregnant" multiple times, as PO Ramirez guides her backwards and continues to tell her to step back. (BR06) stated that PO Ramirez ran around her vehicle, stood with his back facing the car, and told \$\$7000 to back away from the car. \$\$7000 reached around PO Ramirez and closed the passenger side door of the vehicle, after which PO Ramirez stepped very close to her, only inches away from her. \$37000 was 9-months pregnant. PO Ramirez took backwards with his hands landing just below her breasts and both hands and pushed \$87(2)(b) on the top area of her belly. PO Ramirez pushed \$87000 one time. \$87000 moved backward slightly because of the push and almost fell down, but she caught her footing before

tripping. PO Ramirez reiterated for \$87(2)(b) to step back.



through the driver's side door, which was unlocked, and attempted to start the vehicle, whose keys were in the ignition. After about three attempts to start the vehicle, PO Ramirez realized that the battery of the car was "dead". Serosole. PO Ramirez proceeded to collect the marijuana and money that was in the vehicle. PO Ramirez went inside the glove compartment and the center console, and general vicinity of the front section of the vehicle. He found the marijuana in the center console, as \$87(2)(6) mentioned. PO Ramirez did not recall how the marijuana was packaged, but he remembered it was a small amount. PO Ramirez placed the marijuana into a plastic bag, which he believed was inside of the vehicle already, but he did not recall where. PO Ramirez found money in the glove compartment, which he also placed in the plastic bag; he did not recall how much money it was that he retrieved. PO Ramirez also placed \$37(2)(0) swallet inside of the plastic bag. He believed the entire search was about 20 seconds. The property vouchers associated with \$87(2)(b) s arrest lists nine different containers found on scene and vouchered by PO Ramirez, all containing marijuana or alleged marijuana. In addition, two \$100 bills, 51 \$20 bills, 17 \$10 bills were vouchered, as well as other smaller bills (BR22).

People v. McCaw, 137 A.D.3d 813 states that, under the "automobile exception", law enforcement may conduct a warrantless search of a vehicle if there is probable cause to believe that contraband or evidence will be found inside, including the odor of marijuana (BR12).

PO Ramirez testified that he smelled marijuana emanating from streets s vehicle as he approached. In addition, the property vouchers confirmed that there was marijuana and money were recovered from inside the vehicle.

Allegation (E) Discourtesy: At \$8700 in the Bronx Police Officer Thomas

Accomando spoke discourteously to \$8700

Allegation (F) Offensive Language: At \$8700 in the Bronx, Police Officer

Thomas Accomando made a comment based upon the perceived mental health of

PO Accomando's BWC (**BR04**) shows that at the 01:47 mark, he tells she was acting "crazy" after she was screaming about officers killing people.

(**BR06**) did not mention that PO Accomando called her "crazy".

PO Accomando (BR13) did not initially recall making a statement regarding satisfies acting "crazy". When shown the above BWC footage, PO Accomando identified himself as the officer who said, "You're the one acting crazy." He made that statement because of the way she was screaming, yelling, and making allegations, when no officer was interacting with her. He added that her behavior was inappropriate to the situation and had no other justification for using the word "crazy". PO Accomando stated that he was not making a remark toward service.

Members of service are prohibited from using discourteous or disrespectful remarks regarding another person's age, ethnicity, race, religion, gender, gender identity/expression, sexual orientation, or disability. <u>Patrol Guide Procedure 203-10</u>(BR14).

Despite PO Accomando's justification that he used the word "crazy" to describe sinappropriate behavior, the <u>Patrol Guide</u> prohibits the use of such language. Service was screaming and yelling throughout the incident, Service

Allegation (G) Discourtesy: At the 46th Precinct Stationhouse, Police Officer Ramon Garcia
spoke discourteously to \$87(2)(6)
PO Garcia's BWC (BR01) shows that at the 06:55 mark, he is speaking with in
the holding cell area. He asks \$87(2)(b) whether \$87(2)(b) was a dental assistant or "some
shit".
did not provide a statement because he was uncooperative.
PO Garcia (BR07) did not initially recall speaking to [887(2)] at the stationhouse or
using profanity when doing so. After showing him the above BWC footage, PO Garcia
acknowledged himself as saying "she was a dental assistant or some shit". He was not aware of
why he used the word "shit" at that point, but he did not intend to use it in a derogatory manner.
Patrol Guide Procedure 200-02 states that the NYPD's mission is to protect the lives and
property of all citizens of New York City by treating every citizen with compassion, courtesy,
professionalism, and respect, while efficiently rendering police services and enforcing the laws
impartially (BR15).
§ 87(2)(g)
Allegation (H) Abuse of Authority: At the 46th Precinct Stationhouse, Police Officer Ramon
Garcia threatened to arrest §87(2)(6)
Allegation (I) Abuse of Authority: At the 46th Precinct Stationhouse, Police Officer Ramon
Garcia threatened to notify Administration for Children's Services.
There is no BWC footage that captures these allegations.
(BR06) stated that she went to the stationhouse after the incident, requesting
to speak to a supervisor to file a complaint about an officer pushing her. She spoke with an
unidentified officer that she believed was a supervisor, given her request to speak with one, who
took her complaint. While speaking with the unidentified supervisor, PO Garcia became involved
and threatened to arrest her for Obstruction of Government Administration (OGA) the next time sho
interfered with or was even present for one of her boyfriend's arrests, which he and the supervisor
pointed out would happen because of \$87(2)(b) so poor choices to smoke and sell weed outside. PC
Garcia also mentioned that officers would call ACS.
PO Garcia (BR07) stated that he spoke to \$87(2)(0) at the front of the stationhouse,
but he did not fully recall what they spoke about. PO Garcia only recalled informing
that if she was arrested, he could notify ACS, given that she was pregnant. PO Garcia did not recall
if any other officer also interacted with \$50,00
The purpose of <u>Patrol Guide Procedure 215-01</u> states that officers must obtain care for a
dependent child under eighteen due to arrest, hospitalization or death of parent or guardian (BR16).
PO Garcia and [87(2)6) have differing statements regarding whether she was
threatened with arrest while at the stationhouse. \$87000
The Detroit Child magnines officers to obtain and for a bildren and a 10 and
The <u>Patrol Guide</u> requires officers to obtain care for children under 18, whose parent or
guardian has been arrested. Both \$87(2)(6) and PO Garcia testified that PO Garcia mentioned
calling ACS in the event of \$87(2)(6) s arrest \$87(2)(6)

Civilian and Officer CCRB Histories

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